

**IN THE CLAIMS**

**Please amend the claims so as to read as follows :**

1. (Currently Amended) A multifunctional printing system wherein image information captured through an image information pickup means can be printed as multiple sets of copies by a printing means and which is configured so that the printing operation can be stopped only at intervals from one set of copies to the next or every certain number of printouts, comprising:
  - a computing means for calculating a time at which an interrupt copying and printing job can be entered next relative to an ongoing copying and printing job and a finish time of such a requested interrupt job, based on the designated number of print sets, the current state of printing, ~~the and~~ information as to whether an interrupt is permissible; and,
  - a display means for displaying during such an ongoing copying and printing job, the permissible interrupt time calculated by the computing means ~~and/or~~ during such an interrupt job, the finish time of such an the interrupt job calculated by the computing means.

2. (Currently Amended) A multifunctional printing system wherein image information captured through an image information pickup means can be printed as multiple sets of copies by a printing means and which is configured so that the printing operation can be stopped only at intervals from one set of copies to the next or every certain number of printouts and so that the printing operation needs to be stopped in order to allow an interrupt job, comprising:
  - a computing means for calculating a time at which an interrupt copying and printing job can be entered next relative to an ongoing copying and printing job and a finish time of such a requested interrupt job, based on the designated number of print sets, the current state of printing, the and information as to whether an interrupt is permissible; and,
  - a display means for displaying during such an ongoing copying and printing job, the permissible interrupt time calculated by the computing means or during such an interrupt job, the finish time of the interrupt job calculated by the computing means.
3. Canceled, without prejudice.
4. Canceled, without prejudice.
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6. Canceled, without prejudice.

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7. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional printing system according to

~~Claims~~ Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the display means displays the time or time length in response to the operation of a dedicated key which allows for input of a display request.

8. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional printing system according to

~~Claims~~ Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the display means displays the time or time length when the key for requesting an interrupt is operated.

9. (Currently Amended) The multifunctional printing system according to

~~Claims~~ Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein a voice generating means for informing the time or the time length via voice is provided instead of the display means.